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### Inspection Report

### Minerals Regulatory Program

Reviewed: 

May 20, 2008

<b>Mine Name:</b> Limestone Mesa/Desert Bronze	<b>Permit Number:</b> M/053/0059
<b>Operator Name:</b> Southwest Stone (Jeff Sagers)	<b>Inspection Date:</b> April 10, 2008
<b>Inspector(s):</b> Lynn Kunzler	<b>Time:</b> 12:30 pm
<b>Other Participants:</b> Coby Sagers	<b>Mine Status:</b> Active

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Reclamation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Purpose of Inspection:

Routine inspection while in the area.

#### Inspection Summary:

The site is active. The large mining permit was approved January 4, 2007 for 13 acres.

Part of this operation is on a BLM Community Pit. The operator indicated that he pays the BLM a fee per ton of rock for reclamation of the site (this was confirmed via phone call to Russ Schreiner, BLM St. George FO). During this inspection, most of the quarrying activity was on the BLM Community Pit. Mr. Sagers took me on a tour of the permitted area to the north of the community pit. A portion of this area has recently been regraded (regrading work looked good). There was also a small area that had been reclaimed over a year ago. Vegetation establishment was poor.

Going to the south of the community pit. There was a small area (about 1/4 acre that had recently been disturbed (exporation activity)). Mr. Sagers expressed interest in amending the permit to include this area (private lands). West of this area, and along the county road, was an area of about 6 acres in size that was being used to store excavated rock (most of it was on pallets) prior to sending it to market. This area is also on private lands and partially fenced and signed no trespassing. A GPS unit was used to determine the acreage involved with this storage area. It was also discussed that this area needed to be part of the permit area for this site, that all activity involved with a mining operation, including storage (stockpiling) is considered part of the mining operation.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

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**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The results of the GPS survey showed approximately 6 acres of mining related disturbance outside the permit area (and the BLM community pit). This is almost a 50% increase of disturbance over the acreage permitted. As a result, Cessation Order #MC-2008-01-01 was issued for conducting mining activity outside the permitted area (this includes the stockpile area as well as the exploration site). The operator was told he could still conduct mining activity on the permitted area, but could not bring any additional stone to the storage area until it was properly permitted. The rest of the area appears to be in compliance at this time.

The Division needs to continue to monitor this site when in the area.

**Inspector's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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cc: Jeff Sagers, Operator

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